

Final Minutes of the January 24, 2013, Meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission

The regular quarterly meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission (MNCC) was held January 24, 2013, at The Mayfield, 6072 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman Baliga called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Baliga opened the meeting by explaining that the MNCC meeting was held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Baliga asked Marcie Vasta, a representative for the Chicago Department of Aviation, to record the minutes.

The following members were **present**:

Mayor David Brady – Bedford Park
Norma Pinion – Bridgeview (*Representing Mayor Steve Landek*)
Mayor Harry Klein – Burbank
Tom Sheahan – Lyons (*Representing Mayor Christopher Getty*)
Nance Dulaj – Chicago Ward 13
Kenneth Pannaralla – Chicago Ward 13
Stan Lihosit – Chicago Ward 14
Thomas Baliga – Chicago Ward 23
Christopher Koczwara – Chicago Ward 23
Joseph Loduca – Chicago Ward 23
Michael Boland – Chicago Department of Aviation (*Representing Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino*)

The following members were **not present**:

Mayor Larry Dominick – Cicero
Mayor Richard Grenvich – Forest View
Cody Mares – Stickney (*Representing Mayor Daniel O'Reilly*)
Chet Strzelczyk – Summit (*Representing Mayor Joseph Strzelczyk*)
Frank Damato – Cook County (*Representing Board President Toni Preckwinkle*)
Gail Conwell – Chicago Ward 13
Samuel Rivers – Chicago Ward 15
Anthony Philbin – Chicago Ward 18

Also present:

Aaron Frame, Assistant Commissioner – Chicago Department of Aviation
Andrea McKenzie, Project Administrator – Chicago Department of Aviation
Forest Lombaer, Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel – Chicago Department of Law
Jeffrey Jackson, Project Manager – Landrum & Brown
Marcie Vasta, Administrative Assistant – Residential Sound Insulation Program

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Quorum was met with 11 of the 19 members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 25, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Baliga asked if there were any changes to the October 25, 2012 meeting minutes. There were no changes and motion to approve was made by Ms. Norma Pinion and seconded by Ms. Nance Dulaj. The motion passed.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION (“CDA”) REPORT

A. Presentation: 4th Quarter 2012 Airport Noise Management System (“ANMS”) Report

Assistant Commissioner Aaron Frame asked Mr. Jeffrey Jackson of Landrum & Brown to present the 4th Quarter 2012 Airport Noise Management System Report.

Runway Use Report

The most used departure and arrival runway for the 4th quarter was 31C.

October – The most used departure runway was 31C with 47% of the departures, followed by 42% from 22L/22R, 10% from 04L/04R and 1% from 13C.

45% of arrivals were at 31C, 32% at 22L/22R, 17% at 04L/04R and 6% at 13C.

November – 44% of departures were from 31C, 42% from 22L/22R, 13% from 04L/04R and 1% from 13C.

51% of arrivals were at 31C, 28% at 22R/22L, 19% at 04L/04R and 2% at 13C.

December – 41% of the departures were from 31C, 32% from 22R/22L, 24% from 04L/04R and 3% from 13C

37% of arrivals were at 31C, 35% and 31% respectively at 04R/04L and 22R/22L, and 7% at 13C.

Airline Fleet Mix Report

Southwest Airlines had 401 average operations per day followed by General Aviation, which is a new breakdown, then Delta, AirTran, Porter, Frontier, and Volaris. Most of the B737's are being flown by Southwest. Frontier and Volaris are flying the A320's, Porter the DH8's, AirTran is flying both B737's and B717's, and Delta is flying the CRJ's, E170's, A319's and A320's.

Total operations throughout the quarter averaged about 628 per day, which is lower than those typically seen, with 48 of those happening at night between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. The term “operations” refers to arrivals and departures.

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Aircraft Noise Report

The report shows the locations of the noise monitors and their noise values. It indicates monthly and quarterly numbers for all of 2012. There were no major changes in noise values which were due to very little change in operations or fleet mix.

Noise Hotline Report

There has been an increase in complaints. There were 175 complaints for the quarter of which 47 were at night. The total for the year was 493, the majority of which came from Chicago. Previous years' totals were under 300.

Supplemental Report – Graph Charting Number of Operations

The graph shows yearly operations from 2000 through 2012. For the year 2012 there were 249,913 operations, totaling approximately 680 per day. This was slightly down from 255,000 in 2011 totaling 700 per day. The numbers have declined since 2004 which was the peak, with 340,000 operations which was approximately 930 per day. From 2009 through 2012 numbers have been close. Chairman Baliga asked the reason for the decline and the Mr. Jackson's response was the economy.

Supplemental Report – Aircraft Noise Footprint

This report shows the top 20 most frequently used aircraft at the airport. The top aircraft is the 737/700 with an average 2012 percent of operations of 50.9%, with daily operations of 334 and a square mileage noise footprint area of 23.2. This is followed by the 737/300 and 500 with 13.1%, with 85.9 daily operations and a footprint area of 20.5 square miles. These aircraft are flown primarily by Southwest Airlines and comprise 65% of the operations at the airport.

Chairman Baliga asked Mr. Jackson to clarify the footprint area square miles. Is that stationary with the plane regardless of where it is flying? This is for a typical aircraft arrival or departure. The measurement is peak noise value as opposed to DNL, which would not register for that event.

The General Aviation numbers are comprised of a wide variety of miscellaneous aircraft from single engine privately flown aircraft to corporate jets and it also includes helicopters.

B. Status of the Midway Part 150 Study Update

Mr. Aaron Frame stated that the airport staff has been working on the update and checking with the FAA. The remodeling has commenced and it is expected that the completed Part 150 update draft will be ready for public notice and public hearing sometime in the early spring. All of the members will be notified of the scheduled date and time.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Residential Sound Insulation Sub-Committee Report

Mr. Joe Loduca presented the Residential Sound Insulation Sub-Committee Report (see attached).

Chairman Baliga inquired whether there were any questions concerning the Chair's Report. There were none.

Ms. Nance Dulaj responded that she did not have questions pertaining to the Chair's Report but she did regarding the ANMS Report. She inquired about the night hours referenced in ANMS Report. She wanted to know if there are certain hours that experience more flights. Mr. Jeffrey Jackson responded that there are differences by hour, typically the 10 and 11 p.m. hours have a greater number of operations than the 1 or 2 am hours. He stated that there is an Operations by Hour Report that he will bring to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chairman Baliga turned the meeting over to Mr. Forest Lombaer of the Chicago Department of Law to conduct the election for the 2013 Chair and Vice Chair positions. He opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Stan Lihosit nominated Mr. Tom Baliga for Chair and Ms. Norma Pinion seconded the motion. Chairman Baliga was re-elected unanimously. Mr. Lombaer then requested nominations for the Vice Chair position and Mayor Brady nominated Mayor Klein. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nance Dulaj prefaced the election with the statement that both Chairman Baliga and Mayor Klein do a very good job.

Mr. Lombaer concluded the election.

Continuing under new business, Chairman Baliga asked when it would be appropriate to have a member of the Chicago Department of Aviation comment on the privatization of Midway. Mr. Frame responded that the City of Chicago has a website dedicated to that issue. He deferred the direct response to First Deputy Commissioner Michael Boland. Mr. Boland concurred with Mr. Frame that the website will contain information as it is updated. He stated that the RFQ is available on the site now, and that the Mayor is dedicated to making all of the information regarding the privatization issue transparent. He also mentioned that the Noise Commission would continue regardless of the outcome.

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Commissioner Baliga asked if there were any additional questions or business requiring further discussion. With no other business, he asked if there was a motion to adjourn, which was made by Ms. Nance Dulaj and was seconded by Mr. Ken Pannaralla. The motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Baliga adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and informed all those present that the next meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at The Mayfield, Chicago.

**Chicago Midway International Airport
Residential Sound Insulation Program
Sub-Committee Report
As of January 24, 2013**

For the 2010 Program Year,

- Construction was completed on 795 homes in early November.

For the 2011 Program Year,

- Three homeowner briefings were held in February, March and May 2012.
- There are currently 500 participants.
- Home inventories have been completed to 100% of the homes.
- Status letters were mailed to all 2011 Program participants in November of 2012.
- Construction bids were opened in December 2012.
- It is anticipated construction contracts will be awarded early in February.
- Field measurements will begin the 1st quarter of 2013.
- All construction is scheduled to be complete by the 3rd quarter of 2013.
- At this time the Midway 2011 Program Year is full and no more participants will be added under the existing Program and existing Noise Contour. Once the new noise contour is completed under the Part 150 Update, the CDA will provide draft maps showing the eligibility at the next Commission meeting. Upon receiving full FAA approval of the new noise contour, the CDA will present a new resolution for approval by the Commission, and then the CDA will notify eligible homeowners.